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SUBJ: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, OCTOBER 31, 1975 (SALT TWO - 837)

1. ARTICLE I (INTRODUCTORY): US AND USSR AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON FOLLOWING TEXT: "EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT, TO LIMIT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AND TO ADOPT OTHER MEASURES PROVIDED FOR BY THIS AGREEMENT."

2. SOVIET SIDE PRESENTED TEXTS FOR ARTICLE VII (TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS) AND ARTICLE II.1 (ICBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION) WITH MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. IN RESPONSE TO US PROPOSAL, KARPOV AGREED THAT UNDERSTANDING ON "SIGNIFICANT INCREASE" AS MEANING 15 PERCENT OR MORE, AND ON NON-RELOCATION TO OTHER AREAS OF TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS LOCATED AT TEST RANGES, COULD BE EXPRESSED IN FORM OF AGREED STATEMENT, AS COULD UNDERSTANDING ON SEABED ZONE FOR ARTICLE X(C). BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE UNDERSTANDING THAT TERM "TEST" INCLUDES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COULD BE REFLECTED IN NEGOTIATING RECORD. BRACKETED VERSION OF ARTICLE VII

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NOW AGREED AD REFERENDUM.

3. ARTICLE XVII.3 AGREED STATEMENT (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES): AT END OF MEETING, KLOSSON NOTED THAT CERTAIN SYSTEMS WILL BE PROHIBITED BY THE NEW AGREEMENT, OTHERS WILL BE PERMITTED BUT LIMITED BY ONE OR MORE PROVISIONS, AND OTHERS WILL BE NEITHER PROHIBITED NOR LIMITED. HE SAID NTM MUST BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH AMONG SUCH SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT, AND ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "IN CASES WHERE SUCH A DISTINCTION IS MADE BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS DURING THE TESTING PHASE, DOES THE OBLIGATION OF ARTICLE XVII, PARAGRAPH 3, NOT TO USE DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES APPLY TO SUCH TESTING?" US REQUESTED SOVIET RESPONSE AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. JOHNSON

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